



DIRECTOR BRIEFING 01

Could Your Practice Survive Losing a Week's Work?

Five questions every Practice Director should be able to answer before the next technology failure.

Imagine This...

It's 8:45 on a Monday morning. Your architects arrive ready for another busy week. Planning submissions are due, clients are expecting revised drawings and your team opens Revit.

Then someone says, "I can't access the project."

Within minutes nobody can. Models won't synchronise. Drawings won't open. The server is unavailable. Your IT provider confirms that backups exist.

You ask the only question that really matters:

"When can my architects start working again?"

If that question cannot be answered with confidence, your practice has a business risk—not just an IT issue.

Director Insight

Technology rarely costs practices money because it fails. It costs money because work stops.

Five Questions Worth Asking

1. How long would recovery really take?

Knowing you have backups isn't the same as knowing when your architects could resume work.

2. When was the last successful restore?

Backups that have never been restored are assumptions, not evidence.

3. Which systems would stop the practice trading?

Think beyond servers. Consider Microsoft 365, Revit, Autodesk Construction Cloud, SharePoint and internet connectivity.

4. Could your team work tomorrow if the office was unavailable?

Business continuity is about keeping projects moving wherever your staff are.

5. Who owns business continuity?

Technology supports resilience, but directors decide what level of downtime is acceptable.

One Final Thought

Don't ask your IT provider:

“Are our backups working?”

Ask instead:

“If everything stopped at 9:00 tomorrow morning, when would my architects be productive again?”

Take the Next Step

Complete the free [Architecture Technology Benchmark Assessment](#) to measure your practice across Performance, Collaboration, Cyber Security, Business Resilience and Technology Strategy. In around 15 minutes you'll receive a personalised benchmark highlighting strengths, risks and opportunities for improvement.

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